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The Racket at Springfield.

Yesterday was another exciting day at Springfield, in the contested election drama. The Republicans had succeeded in bringing in the sick member, Owen, of Will who for the present occupies the speaker's room in the rear of the house, and can be carried to the chamber whenever his vote is necessary to complete a quorum. But a new trouble has arisen. Studen, of Richland, was found to be paired with a Democrat, and Rock—one of Chicago's brilliant statesmen—was absent. It was discovered that he was in charge of a committee of Democrats, who declare that he shall not vote for the seating of Bradwell, claiming that they have something on him which will send him to state's prison, and that he will raise the matter on him unless he stays away from the house while the contest is pending. There is probably no truth in this claim, because if there was the Democrats would not go to so much trouble to keep Rock away from his seat. They are hiring carriage to carry him to every disreputable resort, and placing him with liquor, and it is also reported that they tried to send him out of town, and succeeded in getting him as far as the junction south of the city, where they were intercepted by a couple of determined Republican members, who brought their wavering associate back to town and organized a force to watch him, sobering him up and bringing him into the house again.

England and France appear to be in competition to see which of them can appropriate the most of Africa to its own use. The other day it was announced that Great Britain had "annexed" certain territory off the coast of Liberia, and now it is announced that France has "occupied" Porto Negro and Loango, on the river Congo, in defiance of a Portuguese protest. "Manifest destiny" appears to point to the European occupation of the entire African continent. Europe already rules a goodly portion of Asia.

MAJOR EWING, of St. Louis, has sent his appointments for the next four years to the City Council. The most notable of these is that of Chauncey L. Filley, to be assessor and collector of water rents. H. Clay Sexton is reappointed Chief of the Fire Department, and General John D. Stevenson is named for Health Commissioner, vice Charles W. Francis, resigned. The appointment of Mr. Filley is a great surprise and caused a good deal of comment on the street and at the hotels last night. There seems to be no doubt of his confirmation by the Council.

A Compliment to the President. The New York Sun is not given to compliments. It delights far more in criticising than in commanding public men, and particularly in criticising Republicans and Republican administrations. Something unusual must have stirred the heart of Mr. Dana to cause the following flattering allusions to the President in the Sun of the 4th inst:

Gen. Arthur has been President now for eighteen months. His mistakes have not been numerous. His appointments to office have been, with some notable exceptions, satisfactory to reasonable people. Especially in filling the two vacancies on the bench of the Supreme Court has he deserved the gratitude of the country. His advice to Congress has been well considered, sagacious and patriotic. His message of last December contained maxims which might well be adopted as the platform of a party going in for honest and economical government. He tried hard to prevent the worst act of profligate Congress. He has done more than any other man to make river and harbor robbery un-fashional. His personal bearing has been dignified and gentlemanly. He has made friends without inviting familiarity. The President stands well with the country to-day. He can proceed with that assurance to the business of amusing himself. That Gen. Arthur may find in Florida the health and rest he needs, freedom from bores of all species, sound sleep at night, and plenty of satisfactory fishing, is the wish of every good-natured citizen.

There is nothing but the untagged truth in the above, but it is pleasant to find even the cynical Sun willing to set it down.

The commissioner of pensions says that he will expand fully \$85,000,000 for pensions during the fiscal year under the law passed by the last session of congress, rating pensions for soldiers who lost an arm or a leg in the service, or who incurred an equivalent disability. Nine thousand, nine hundred and nineteen applications for increases had been received up to the first of the month. About 2,000 certificates had at that time been granted for increased pensions, and the commissioner expects that all of the applications under the new law will be filed in his office before the end of the fiscal year.

MISS BELLE CUSHMAN EATON, of Boston, only 17 years of age, granddaughter of the late Charlotte Cushman, has entered the field as a public reader, and is said to be a success.

The late Marshall Jewell, of Connecticut, is to be honored by the people of Denver, Col., who have decided to name a park on the outskirts of that city "The Marshall Jewell Park."

REV. BROOK HERFORD with much truth says: "All reforms have taken their start in the business marts of the world, and about all the classes who have labored for reform and liberty are those whose characters had been formed in business life."

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle ventures the prediction that one young man who is destined to make an honorable record in the history of that state at no distant day is Goodloe Yancey, of Athens, son of the late Hon. W. L. Yancey, the "silver-tongued orator of the south."

Special Dispatches

NOW THE WORLD WAGS.

A Decision Relating to the Northern Pacific Land Grant.

An Express Robbery in Indiana and Elopers in the Same State—Accidents and Suicides—Important News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Secretary Teller is now engaged on a very important deal concerning the interests of a very large number of settlers along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, as well as the Union Pacific. Very important legal questions relative to the company's grant are involved and were argued before the Senate Committee on the Pacific Coast in the interest of the company. Mr. Reddinburg, a land office attorney here, who has a large number of clients, was in a conversation with your correspondent yesterday, thus succinctly explaining the questions to be settled. "The original grant to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company," said Mr. Reddinburg, "was for twenty miles in the States of Oregon and Washington. Territories, and included lands additional in both States and Territories. Afterwards there was another grant for an additional mile of land, and so on. In 1872 a question arose in the Interest of the Government whether the granting act was not itself a legislative withdrawal of all the lands which had been granted, taking it into consideration upon the filing of the map of the general route. Secretary Davis held that the sixth section of the act already provided a legislative withdrawal, and that the lands, by this decision did not effect the indemnity limits under either of the acts. An executive withdrawal, however, was made in the Executive Proclamation of the indemnity limits not covered by the legislative withdrawal under the act. Three questions now arise: 1. Whether the act does not operate a legislative withdrawal of all the lands within the indemnity limits. 2. Whether the executive withdrawal of the indemnity limits were authorized by law, and if not, then the lands should not be restored; and 3. Whether there is any power in the Secretary of the Interior to now withdraw, or to take away, the indemnity limits.

Mr. Reddinburg says that thousands of people are interested in the forthcoming decision, and that he is in receipt of a list of a great number of settlers in the Territories. The grant was an immense one, and although there were a great many settlements within the indemnity limits, the Secretary of the Interior in 1872 held that these lands were withdrawn by legislative action, operated to keep people off the lands. People were waiting to see what the outcome would be. Mr. Reddinburg is of the opinion that under the decision of the Secretary they will be thrown open for settlement.

The spectacle is a fine one for the people of the state to contemplate, and it is hard to see how the Democratic party can fail to suffer by reason of this disgraceful affair.

An interesting account of matters and things in Florida is given by Mr. Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, who has just returned from a brief sojourn there, whether we went for health and recreation. He says that the desirable property in Florida is rapidly falling into the hands of Northern men. This is true as to railroads as well as real estate. Northern capital is pushing a railway system which traverses the state in several directions, and will ultimately afford the readiest line for travel between this country and Cuba. He thinks a mistake is being made in giving so much attention to orange culture, as other crops are raised more easily and give quicker returns. Particularly in this case of bananas and pine apples. Fruit of the latter is marketable eighteen months from the time the soil is turned for planting. Bananas give returns in less than three years. Both yield abundantly and command ready market and good prices. An orange farm gives no adequate return in less than eight years. He believes, also, that lemons and pomegranates are as profitable as oranges. Politically the people of Florida are in a contented and friendly frame of mind with the world. There are three colored people to seven whites, and the majority of all is undoubtedly republican under competent leadership. The colored people say that not one per cent of their number is inclined to the democratic party. The children of the freedmen are taking advantage of educational facilities, and their elders are well informed on matters of the times. Mr. Medill says the changes for the better that have occurred since his last previous visit to the south are many and striking. Only in Charleston was he reminded of the remains of a confederate sentiment.

Second-hand goods bought and sold, upholstering of all kinds done. I am the only upholsterer in Decatur that carries any stock of upholstering goods, come and see me and get prices before going to anyone that has no goods, tools, or anything else to do first-class work with. Everything that goes out of my shop is guaranteed. Come and see me when you want anything in my line. All kinds of awnings made and put up, G. P. Hart.

Arrival of Emigrants.

BATAVIA, April 19.—These European emigrants arrived at this port yesterday morning, about 8 o'clock, Stanley, employed as a guard over convicts from the State Penitentiary upon the Gant Plataforma, and the number of emigrants amounted to four thousand, within an hour of each other. There were nearly 2,700 emigrants on the two steamers, and it is thought that the steamer and Oglethorpe & Ohio will bring the people and their baggage westward. Those headed for Cincinnati and St. Louis will arrive to-night. The Hibernal, a steamer, will be in the harbor, but has not yet unloaded. Evansville is on the right, and whence Evansville may be reached at a little short of intramuris.

A Negro Murderer.

SOMERS, April 19.—A negro named McMillen was shot and killed by another negro while engaged in a game of cards at the Beaver Creek mines Tuesday. The murderer made his escape, but was captured yesterday. He had killed another negro at Chattanooga not long since, and had been at Beaver but two weeks.

An Explosion of Furnace.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 19.—An inexplicable explosion occurred yesterday morning in a carbolic oil factory, owned by George A. Powers, at the corner of Harrison and Market streets. The explosion was so violent that the building collapsed, killing the owner, his wife, and his son.

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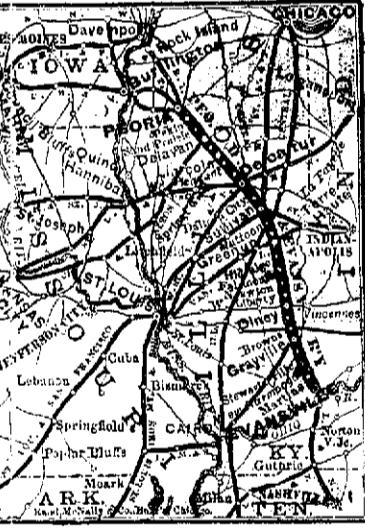
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" Lightning Express..... 1:35 p. m.

" Atlantic Express..... 4:30 p. m.

The express freight train will carry passengers with tickets:

Going East..... 8:45 a. m.

Going..... 7:45 a. m.

Going..... 1:30 p. m.

ODING WEST.

No. 3. Fast Line..... 6:45 a. m.

" Atlantic Express..... 7:45 a. m.

" Fast Mail..... 4:30 p. m.

" Through Express..... 7:45 a. m.

The following freight trains will carry passengers with tickets:

Going west..... 1:30 p. m.

Going..... 11:30 p. m.

Chicago Division.

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No. 48. Chicago Express..... 12:30 a. m.

" Chicago Mail..... 12:30 p. m.

" Atlantic Express..... 1:35 p. m.

" Atlantic Express..... 4:30 p. m.